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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of November 18, 2003, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

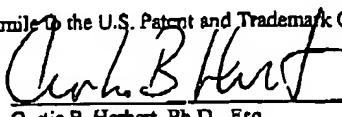
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a connecting state of the transmission based on the detected operating state; the parking lock state releasing apparatus comprising:

 a releasing switch, which is located in a passenger compartment; and

 an ignition drive device, wherein the ignition drive device generates gas by causing ignition in response to operation of the releasing switch;

 wherein parking lock state of the transmission is changed by actuating the parking lock member using the pressure of the gas in the ignition drive device.

15. (Withdrawn) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the ignition drive device includes a gas generating device for generating gas and a piston driven by the pressure of the gas, and the parking lock member is actuated in accordance with driving of the piston.

16. (Withdrawn) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a parking brake lever is located in the passenger compartment, and the releasing switch is located in the vicinity of the parking brake lever and the shifting body.

17. (Withdrawn) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the ignition drive device includes a driver circuit, and the driver circuit supplies power to the gas generating device to actuate the gas generating device.

18. (Withdrawn) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the driver circuit includes an electrolytic capacitor, and the electrolytic capacitor supplies the power to the gas generating device.

Claims 19-20 (Canceled)